

NICARAGUA:
Sevilla Sacasa, Guillermo

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Division of Biographic InformationSEVILLA Sacasa, Guillermo (Dr.)NICARAGUAPersonal data: Born September 11, 1908, Leon; married to Lillian Somoza DeBayle, daughter of former President Somoza, four children.Education: Graduate, Instituto Nacional de Oriente, 1925; Doctor of Law, University of Leon, 1932.Languages: Speaks practically no English, but can understand some.Clubs: Terraza; Managua Social Club.Decorations: Order of Juan Pablo Duarte, Dominican Republic; Grand Cross of Vasco de Nuñez de Balboa, Panama; Badge of Civil Merit, Spain.Party affiliation: Liberal Party. (National Liberal; Somocista).Career:

1927	Judge in local and district courts for criminal cases.
1928	Judge in local and district courts for civil cases.
1929-1943	Deputy to National Congress.
1930-1931	Judge in local and district courts for criminal cases.
1932-1934	Judge in local and district courts for civil cases.
1934	Delegate to First Central American Congress, Guatemala.
1935-1936	President, Chamber of Deputies.
1936	First Designate to Presidency.
1937-1939	Consulting lawyer and head of Legal Department of the National Bank.
1938	Member of National Constituent Assembly.
1940	Counselor of a special mission to Panama.
1940-1942	Counselor to Ministry of Treasury.
1941	President of Nicaraguan delegation to inauguration of the Universidad Central de Costa Rica.
1943-date	Ambassador to the United States; Representative to the Governing Board of the Pan American Union.
1944	Chairman, Nicaraguan delegation, to the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, Bretton Woods.
1945	Delegate to Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, Mexico City; Delegate to United Nations Committee of Jurists, Washington April; Delegate to United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco.
1946	Observer, Inaugural Meeting of the World Fund and Bank, Wilmington Island, March.
1946-1948	Minister to Dominican Republic, presented credentials in April; Minister to Cuba, presented credentials in May.
1946	Delegate to Inter-American Conference on Experts of Copyright, Pan American Union, June; Delegate, second part, first session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York; Deputy Chief of Delegation, second part, first session of United Nations General Assembly, New York.

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1946-date Delegate to Inter-American Economic and Social Council.
 1947 Delegate, Second session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, September (On Committees I, IV and VI)
 1947-1948 Governor, Board of Governors, International Monetary Fund.
 1948 Delegate to Ninth International Conference of American States, Bogota, March;
 Representative, Interim Committee, United Nations General Assembly, New York, January;
 Delegate, first part, third session, United Nations General Assembly, Paris, September-December; (on Committees II, V, and VI.)
 Representative, Second Special Palestine Session, United Nations General Assembly, April.
 1948-date Representative, Council of the Organization of American States, Washington, D. C.
 Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with rank of Ambassador, appointed January 1948.
 1949 Representative, Interim-Committee, United Nations General Assembly, New York, February;
 Chief Delegate, second part, third session, United Nations General Assembly, Lake Success, New York, April;
 Chief Delegate, fourth session, United Nations General Assembly, New York, September.
 1950 Representative, UN Conference on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons;
 Chief of Delegation, UN General Assembly, fifth session, New York, September.

Remarks:

Sevilla is described as a career politician whose personal ambition, combined with his family connections, has enabled him to obtain position of prominence. His present political influence and diplomatic status are said to stem from his present marriage to Lillian Somoza DeBayle, who is characterized as a woman of strong will and temper. He prides himself on being pro-US and may be counted on to use that attitude to personal advantage. 1/, 2/

It is reported that Sevilla makes an unfavorable impression so far as appearance is concerned. He is generally recognized as superficial, clever and shrewd. His opinions appear to be largely motivated by self-interest and political expediency. Overly courteous and polite in manner, he is apparently susceptible to flattery. Reportedly avaricious and unscrupulous in private, professional and business dealings, Sevilla undertook legal work of a reportedly questionable character for Somoza in 1940. He was also involved in a lawsuit which is understood to have been designed to deprive Dr. Adolfo Diaz, former President of Nicaragua, and certain mining concerns of a number of concessions in Nicaragua. 3/

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At the Bretton Woods Conference, Sevilla, who gave the impression of failing to understand trends and developments, was reported to have made a very poor showing. However, he depended heavily on Leon DeBayle, who was a member of the Nicaraguan delegation, and showed good judgement in seeking advice from those who knew more than he. 4/

Sevilla was of great assistance to the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference, but gave the impression of being a hardboiled politician who would cynically follow the U. S. lead as long as it was the Nicaraguan President's policy to do so. 5/

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- 1/ Biographic Data Report, Managua, March 20, 1943. (Confidential).
 - 2/ Biographic Data Report, Managua, February 19, 1946. (Confidential).
 - 3/ Biographic Data Report, Managua, January 27, 1945. (Confidential).
 - 4/ DS Memorandum, July 1944. (Secret).
 - 5/ DS Memorandum, June 1945. (Secret).

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